

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER  
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March 22, 1917.—Rainfall, 7.7;  
Temperature, Minimum, 70;  
Maximum, 78. Weather,  
cloudy.

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No. 12—Centrifugals N. Y. per lb. per ton  
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## GERMAN PIRATES SINK AMERICAN STEAMER ON HIGH SEAS UNWARNED

At Least Twenty-one Members of the Crew of the Tanker Healdton, Bound For Rotterdam, Are Killed By Explosion of Torpedo or Drowned When Their Vessel Sinks Off Coast of Holland, Not In War Zone

## SOME BURNED TO DEATH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 23—Another American steamer has fallen a victim to Germany's campaign of ruthlessness and more Americans, at least twenty-one and, according to some reports, thirty-four, have been foully murdered in an attack made without warning by a German submarine.

This is the American tanker Healdton, of 2722 tons, bound from Chester, Pennsylvania, for Rotterdam, with a cargo of refined petroleum. She was attacked after she had passed all British ports of call and in waters not included in the German area of blockade.

### ATTACK WITHOUT ANY WARNING

The attack, made without any warning, came on Wednesday evening, after dark, a torpedo fired at close range crashing against her hull opposite the engine room, the explosion killing thirteen men instantly or leaving them maimed victims to the fire which immediately broke out after the torpedo struck.

Of the crew of thirty-nine men, only twenty-four were able to leave the steamer after the explosion, three boats being launched with eight men in each, the majority of whom died later through exposure, wounds or drowning. One of the boats was picked up by British destroyers, with one of its eight occupants dead from the cold. The survivors were taken into Terschelling.

### WELL WITHIN LANE OF SAFETY

The night was bitterly cold and it was snowing when the attack was made. At the time Captain Christopher, the commander, believed that no danger to his ship existed, as he was well within the lane of safety specified in the German announcement of its unrestricted submarine campaign.

Frank W. Mahin, the American consul at Amsterdam, has cabled to Secretary Lansing that "the attack was made without warning. One of the members of the crew is known to have died of injuries received and it is believed that twenty others of the crew have been drowned."

Another statement of the affair, cabled here from Rotterdam, says it is reported that thirty-four of the Healdton crew have either been killed or drowned subsequently.

Another of the Healdton small boats reached Ymuiden last night. Those in this boat say that the attack was wholly without warning and delivered when the steamer was in the "safe zone." The survivors in this party put the number of known dead at nineteen.

### BRITISH STEAMER ALSO SUNK

The Healdton was carrying a cargo of refined petroleum on Dutch orders and had sailed far to the north around Scotland to avoid the zone declared closed in German orders. She left Chester on January 26.

The British steamer Coronda, of 1779 tons, was also torpedoed yesterday. Twenty-one of her crew are still missing.

## CONTROL OF THE AIR VITAL, SAYS ADMIRAL

Pearcy Urges Creation of National Department at Once

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, March 23—Rear Admiral Peary, discoverer of the North Pole, was the chief speaker at a meeting held by the National Aid Society here last night. In his talk, which was devoted largely to the need for immediately preparing for real warfare with Germany, Admiral Peary declared that without full command of the air, the command of the sea and land will be worthless in the future. He advocated a department of aeronautics, with a place in the President's cabinet, and the creation of at least one thousand aviators, and the maintaining of the number at that point.

## BETHMANN-HOLLWEG TO CONFER WITH KAISER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 23—Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, has been called to the army headquarters to consult with the Kaiser and Field Marshal von Hindenburg. While nothing relating to the conference has been allowed to leak out, it is believed in well informed circles that the discussion had to do with international policies, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph of Amsterdam.

## SHOWS WORK DONE BY NIPPONESE IN WAR

Ambassador To France Tells of Part His Country Has Played

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, March 23—Keishiro Matsui, the Japanese ambassador, speaking at a meeting held in appreciation of the part that Japan has played in the war, declared that "we have adhered to the Declaration of London, and had refused to consider the possibility of a separate peace with the Central Powers. Our word once given our sense of honor would not have allowed us to act otherwise. Our engagements are not scraps of paper."

## CANADIAN TO HELP AMERICAN SOCIETY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 23—Herbert Ames, a member of the Canadian parliament, who was the chief organizer of the patriotic society which raised \$33,000,000 for the support of the families of the Canadian troops serving abroad, will speak next week at a meeting to be held for the purpose of organizing a similar society in this country. Rear Admiral Wainwright, retired, is the president of the American society.

MAP of the western front, showing how deep the German drive under the command of General von Kluck pierced, and the subsequent losses which the Germans suffered, first in the Battle of the Marne, next in the Battle of the Aisne, and now in the last and greatest German retreat, since von Kluck's thousands were flung back by the "Taxi-Cab Army" before Walls of Paris



## CHINA WILL HONOR THE MEMORY OF HAY

Plans To Construct Great Monument To Great American Secretary of State

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 23—John Hay, great-grandfather of all Secretaries of State, is to be honored by China in a way no other foreigner has ever been by that country. The Chinese minister here yesterday notified the local officials that there is now pending in the Chinese senate, a bill, for the erection of a great monument in the central park at Peking to be dedicated to John Hay, "the best friend China ever had." Hay's policy of the "open door," is regarded in China as being the greatest single thing ever done by a foreigner for that country, and it is believed here that the bill will certainly pass the Chinese senate.

## MOEWIE RETURNS HOME IS ADMIRALTY CLAIM

Famous German Cruiser Gets Back Safe To Bremen

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

BERLIN, March 23—The German auxiliary cruiser Moewie has returned to her home port from her second cruise in the Atlantic, the admiralty announced today. During this cruise she captured 23 steamships and five sailing vessels, aggregating 123,100 tons.

The Moewie has been credited with the capture of the British steamer Appam, afterward sailed across the Atlantic to the United States as a prize ship. When a German raider was recently reported in the South Atlantic, it was rumored that it was the Moewie. The rumor was later denied by officers of vessels who said they had seen the mysterious steamer.

## REAL STRINGENCY REACHES LONDON

British Asked To Cut Down On Consumption of Meat

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 23—Real and serious economy of food is vital, according to the announced issue last night by the British food controller, who urged upon the people of Great Britain the adoption of two meatless days a week and two potatoless days as well. Not more than five ounces of meat per individual will be allowed in future and the police have been authorized to inspect the homes of the people in order to see if there is more than the authorized amount of sugar on hand.

## PEACE REFERENDUM URGED ONCE MORE AT MASS MEETING

Professor Cheyney of University of Pennsylvania Thinks Wilson Should Make Another Appeal To Belligerents of Europe At Once

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, March 23—Prof. Edward Potts Cheyney, who has the chair of history at the University of Pennsylvania, speaking at a mass meeting held by the Peace Federation of the United States last night suggested an advisory referendum of the people on the question of going to war. He also opposed the idea of an alliance with the Entente Powers, and demanded that the President again appeal to the warring nations to end the strife. His suggestions were embodied in a motion which was adopted by the meeting and will be submitted to the President.

In support of his contention, Professor Cheyney declared that the revolt in Russia, the coming of a new ruler in Austria-Hungary and the recent developments in Europe, made the possibility of a conference brighter than it had been when the President's first appeal was sent. President Roosevelt had been asked to speak at the meeting but he refused, and a letter from him as read, in which he declared that the "time for talk had gone by, and instant and effective action is the only answer which the United States can make to the overt acts which Germany has been committing."

## WASHINGTON HEARS MEDIATION RUMORS

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable)

WASHINGTON, March 23—Offers of mediation to prevent actual war between the United States and Germany are expected among the next developments in the startling chain of diplomatic events.

Members of high administration circles have heard that a European neutral nation is contemplating this plan of attempted mediation.

It is frankly regarded as another effort backed by Germany to divide sentiment in Congress and embarrass the President, and it is declared authoritatively that no proposals for mediation will be considered.

## KAISER KICKED OUT OF EASTERN CLUB

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, March 23—The Atlantic Yacht Club, after some research, has discovered a way under its rules to oust the Kaiser and Prince Henry of Prussia from honorary membership, which they have held for several years. There has recently been an agitation to throw out their memberships.

## FULL RECOGNITION GIVEN TO RUSSIANS

State Department Says Republican Government Founded On American Ideals

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 23—The state department yesterday notified Ambassador Francis in Petrograd that this country is prepared to accord full recognition to the new Russian government and for him to so inform the new authorities in Petrograd.

"The new Russian government is based upon those principles which inspired the creation of the American nation," says the state department's note to Mr. Francis, "and we are therefore ready to accord to the new regime that full recognition which you suggest."

The message to the American envoy in Russia followed his request to be allowed to confer full recognition of the republican government in Petrograd.

## RUSSIAN ROYALTY YIELDS ITSELF TO NEW GOVERNMENT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 23—All members of the former Russian dynasty, including the czar, have placed themselves at the disposition of the provisional government, says a Reuters despatch. The despatch says that Grand Duke Cyril, son of the Russian Vladimir and at one time a possibility to succeed the czar, has resigned command of the Russian naval guards.

Another Reuters despatch says that there is robbery and incendiarism in the Petrograd, with some murders. The disorders started among rowdies and the police encouraged them, reports say, but the soldiers put down the disorders.

## SLAV MINISTER SCOUTS REPORT OF NEW REVOLT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PETROGRAD, March 23—Minister of Justice Kerevsky, in an interview with the Associated Press today denied rumors of friction and discord between the workers, soldiers and the new government. Kerevsky, who is a member of the radical workingmen's party, says that the rumors amount to nothing and are started by trouble fomenters. He emphatically denies that there is latent dissatisfaction which might be a cause of fresh revolt.

## UNCLE SAM'S NAVY IN SORE NEED OF MEN

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable)

WASHINGTON, March 23—The United States navy is short 13,514 men of the present authorized strength of 74,500, according to news given out at the department today together with an announcement of plans to remedy the situation.

Efforts to speed up enlistments are being redoubled. The authorized strength is sufficient to place all the immediately available ships in commission.

## VON HINDENBURG STANDS IN SNOW STORM DELAYING PURSUIT OF THE ALLIES

Fierce Attacks Launched At French and British By German Rear Guards In the Vicinity of Saint Quentin Are Broken Down By the Superior Fire of the Entente Artillery, Report the Official Communiques

## RETREAT IS CONTINUING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, March 23—The German retreat is slackening, and the armies of Hindenburg are beginning to hit back at their pursuers, according to the official communiques issued last night by the French and British war offices.

There has been desperately hard fighting in the neighborhood of Saint Quentin, with the Germans launching a series of fierce thrusts, in force, in an effort to smash the heads of the French and British columns that are converging upon that city from the south, the southeast, the north and the west.

### GERMAN ATTACKS BREAK DOWN

But the attacks failed, broke down utterly, say the accounts, and the attacking regiments were thrown back upon their main bodies, and the retreat continued. No where is there any indication that the "strategic blow" which it has been reported von Hindenburg is contemplating, is about to be delivered, and the gains of the Allies continue unabated.

But for all that the resistance of the enemy is increasing all along the hundred miles of front between Arras and the Soisson sector. The retreating Germans are taking advantage of the heavy fall of snow in the northern sections of the long line to meet the oncoming British troops with machine guns and artillery, and inflict considerable damage.

### SNOW HINDERS ALLIED ADVANCE

The heavy snow has also hindered the advance of the Allies, making it extremely difficult for them to move their guns and supplies at the rapid pace of the retreating Germans.

The total territory now liberated from the German invaders by the new Somme offensive movement of the Allies is 853 square miles. The territory thus redeemed for France is situated in four of the provincial departments and includes 366 towns and villages populated by 200,000 French people.

### GERMANS ARE FORCED BACK

The Germans still possess 7126 square miles but are being slowly forced to give up mile after mile.

The French captured several villages, after forcing the Germans out of strong positions.

The famous old Noyon salient, which for two years was the "farthest south" of the Germans, or rather the nearest Paris, has now been flattened out almost completely, and the whole of the northern German line, between Arras and the Channel is menaced by the advance of the British troops. Yet it is increasingly apparent that the Germans are pivoting upon the Arras sector, and must hold it as long as possible if the retreat is to continue orderly and in accordance with the plans of the master mind of the field marshal that conceived it.

## GERMAN DIPLOMATS GET SAFE CONDUCT

Two Hundred of Them Will Be Granted Passage Through the United States

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 23—Two hundred German diplomats are in a party now returning from China, to Germany, via the United States. The secretary of state has already given his permission to their passing through this country, and it is believed that they will be permitted to go across the Atlantic in the same manner as von Bernstorff and his party. This will afford an opportunity for Consul Zitelmann, former German consul at Manila, and now in Honolulu, an opportunity to return home, should he care to avail himself of it.

Efforts to find Doctor Zitelmann last night were unsuccessful.

## STEAMER GROUNDS ON CHINA COAST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SHANGHAI, March 23—The steamer Poltava went ashore in a fog in South Bay, according to a wireless received here from the steamer last night. The despatches said that she had punched two holes in the after compartment and is sinking by the stern. Her commander declared that she can remain afloat for twelve hours and urged that help be rushed to him immediately. His passengers have been put ashore at Sadie Island. The U. S. S. Cincinnati steamed for that point immediately upon receipt of the wireless message.

## NATION PLANS TO LEND TO ALLIES

Arrangements For Monster Loan To Entente Are Now Being Made In Washington

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 23—Plans for rendering financial assistance to the Entente group of powers in case of war between the United States and Germany are under consideration by the federal reserve board and other government financial agencies.

Two courses have tentatively been broached. One is action by the United States to place a large sum at the disposal of the Entente Allies, the other the placing of general credits in the countries of the Entente powers with the individual banks there, to a much greater extent than heretofore.

The latter plan would allow the Entente governments to place larger loans through these banks.

## BIG PARTIES CALL CAUCUS FOR TODAY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 23—A Republican house caucus has been called for Saturday to discuss the organization of an executive program. The Democratic caucus will be held Friday. An unofficial list of the members of the new house shows that there will be 214 Democrats, 214 Republicans, two Progressives, one Independent, one Prohibitionist, one Socialist and two vacancies.